

MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CATHOLIC HOSPITAL PLANNED FOR TORRANCE

Ex-Tartar Dies in Air Crash

44 Others Die in Dix Air Crash

A Torrance High School graduate was among the 45 persons killed Friday when a military Air Transport plane with 66 aboard crashed in a swamp at Fort Dix, N.J.

Dead is Airman 3/c James Vernon Cordes, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cordes, of 3338 Newton St.

Airman Cordes had just completed a furlough at home and was en route to Burtonwood, England, on the plane with 65 other servicemen and their families. He had been assigned to duty at Ramsgate, England, his parents said yesterday.

Cordes enlisted in the Air Force in June, 1955, after graduating from Torrance High School.

He had been home from June 9 through July 5.

He is survived by two brothers, John of Wilmington, and Michael of the home address; and a sister, Mrs. Sally O'Neil of Torrance.

The plane crashed in a wooded swamp area on the edge of Fort Dix military reservation shortly after taking off at the McGuire Air Force Base nearby at 4 p.m. Friday. It crashed three miles from the end of the runway.

Lomita, Rolling Hills Residents Tiff On Merger

Residents of Lomita and Rolling Hills met Thursday night in the Lomita California Hall to discuss incorporation.

In the course of the discussion, conflicting views were advanced by delegates from both areas concerning the proposed union.

Some Lomita delegates indicated that they feel they are presently well taken care of, mentioning the storm drain, fire department, and police protection as examples of this care.

Rolling Hills delegates announced that they had no intention for incorporation with the Lomita area. One spokesman said the proposed city would get nowhere with a name like Lomita.

Biscailuz Named Parade Marshal

Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz has notified city officials he will be available to act as marshal for the dedication parade during next month's celebration of the opening of the new Civic Center.

Mayor Albert Isen, who is heading a committee to prepare the festivities, said he received positive confirmation of the invitation this week. It is not known now whether or not Sheriff Biscailuz will bring any riding units with him.

Aug. 11 and 12 have been set aside for the largest, city-wide celebration in this area's history.

Temperatures

The following daily temperatures were recorded in Torrance last week at the fire department main station.

	Low	High
Sunday	59	74
Monday	55	75
Tuesday	54	80
Wednesday	57	75
Thursday	59	74
Friday	57	73
Saturday	59	70

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Heroine Babysitter Toasted by Civic Leaders of Santa Barbara on Weekend



Local Girl Is Afforded Big Welcome

Torrance's babysitter-heroine Sandra McAbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McAbee, 1016 Flat St., whose timely action in rescuing four children from a burning house resulted in nation-wide acclaim, is spending the weekend in Santa Barbara at the invitation of that community's civic leaders.

She was accompanied for the occasion by her mother, her sister, Lois, and her sister-in-law, Delegation Greeks.

On her arrival Friday, Sandra was met by a delegation of Channel 9 baby-sitters. A car at her disposal for the weekend, took her party to the Barbara Hotel, where they will be the guests of Vic Mansfield for the weekend.

Sandra made her first television appearance at six that evening, on station KEYT's Beverly program. During the show a new song, "Please Don't Cry Baby," (The Baby Sitter Song) was specially dedicated to her by Dom Frontier, Liberty Records recording artist and music director for Crystallite Records.

Certificate Presented
Bill Hearst, of the Santa Barbara Kiwanis Club, surprised her with a variety of gifts including a complete wardrobe and luggage, and Kiwanis president, Dan Foote, presented the local girl with a certificate of merit.

Yesterday Sandra was scheduled to spend the morning and afternoon viewing the varied attractions of the seaside city and in the evening to be guest of honor at a banquet and show at Hal Higgins' Del Paseo restaurant.

Fame Began
Sandra's fame began the night of June 20 when she was babysitting for the C. W. Hamiltons, 1130 Flat St. While watching television she smelled smoke and promptly checked the children's bedroom, and discovered flames issuing from their closet.

She immediately got the children out of their beds, Charles 6, Carol Ann 5, Sharon 4, and Debbie 3, and rushed them outside to safety.

Next Action
Her next action was to have neighbors notify the fire department.

Although two companies were shortly on the scene their efforts could not prevent the flames from rapidly sweeping through the Hamilton home.

Sandra's modest acceptance of the plaudits of the Hamiltons, city officials, the community, and press was a major factor in Santa Barbara's affording her this personal recognition.

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TELL HOSPITAL PLANS . . . Plans for the new Little Company of Mary Catholic Hospital here are discussed by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. O'Dwyer (center), head of health and hospital for the Archdiocese, with the architect, Gene Verge (left), and George Schneider, local Catholic lay leader and realtor who acquired the site for the hospital at Torrance Blvd. and Earl.

'We Didn't Start Strike,' Director Tells Steelmen

"We can't predict the length of the strike—we didn't cause it," members of Steelworkers Local 1414 were told at a meeting here Thursday evening by Charles Smith, Director of District 38, United Steelworkers of America.

Speaking after installing Alex McJannett as president of the Local to begin his fifth two-year term, Smith emphasized that the union would not tie itself to a five-year contract which was offered by the steel industry.

McJannett, who had attended most of the negotiation sessions in New York prior to the June 30 strike deadline, said the steel companies made a profit of \$1 million a day during the past year, and we want "just a little piece of it."

Smith received the personal invitation of Mayor Albert Isen to be one of the principal speakers at the Civic Center dedication next month.

Other officers of Local 1414 installed by Smith this week include George Graham, vice president; Steve Darcy, re-

gording secretary; Steve Hippik, electrical shop and crane operators grievance committee man and secretary of the grievance committee; and Ed Morgan, grievance committee man for the rolling mill. President McJannett also is the

grievance committeeman from maintenance and utility. Trustees of the local include H. H. Cook, Frank Smith, and Don Hamilton. Carl Johnson was installed as guard, and guides installed were Virgin Wilhite and Gerry Brown.



STEELWORKERS' LEADER HERE . . . District 38 Director for United Steelworkers of America Charles Smith (second from right) visited here Thursday night. Here he is shown with (left to right) Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle, former steelworker, Mayor Albert Isen and, on the right, Alex McJannett, president of Local 1414. Smith will speak at the Civic Center dedication next month on the invitation of Mayor Isen.

125-Bed Facility Planned

Plans to erect a multimillion dollar Catholic hospital here were revealed Friday by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, head of health and hospitals for the Archdiocese. A 10-acre site for the hospital has been acquired at the northeast corner of Torrance Blvd. and Earl St.

The hospital will be conducted by The Little Company of Mary, a community nursing sisters. Monsignor O'Dwyer said. They have maintained an internationally famous hospital in Rome, Italy, for many years, and now conduct a large 500-bed hospital in Chicago, and hospitals at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Syracuse, N. Y.; and East Cambridge, Mass. This will be their first California hospital.

Plans for the hospital revealed by Architect Gene Verge call for construction of a four-story structure with 125-bed capacity. It will be a general hospital, and contain surgical, medical, obstetrical, and emergency facilities. The hospital will be constructed so it can be expanded easily to 250-bed capacity.

Construction will be of reinforced concrete, and the building will be surrounded by parking facilities for more than 200 cars.

Surveys Studied
Plans to construct the hospital at the Torrance Blvd. site came after extensive surveys of the South Bay Peninsula area. Monsignor O'Dwyer said. The Archdiocese studied populations present and predicted, street and highway plans, and worked closely with the State Department of Public Health.

Preliminary planning for the hospital is now on file with the State with an application for state and federal aid under the Hill-Burton act. Under the terms of this legislation, the sponsors of the hospital match funds provided by the government agencies.

Future Plans
Future plans on the site will include erection of a convent for the nursing Sisters, a chapel for hospital use, and other related facilities.

Construction of the hospital will be started sometime early next year, Monsignor O'Dwyer estimated. He and Architect Verge said it would take about six months to complete working drawings for the hospital and another 18 months to construct it.

George W. Schneider, a Hollywood Riviera resident and partner of Orange County Land Development Co., represented the Archdiocese in the acquisition of the property.

Car Accessories Stolen

Someone broke into his car and stole \$23.50 in accessories and tools. Jack A. Vass, 33, of 1856 W. 248th St., Lomita, told sheriff's deputies last week. Included in the missing articles are a battery, tire gauge and coil.